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I have one question I'd like to ask Senator Marvel, if he'd grab a mic. You can use mine if you promise not to hit me. I look in here on LB 603 and I don't see a committee report or who voted for the bill. Is the Appropriations Committee exempt from committee reports? Now you do it on most of them, don't you? I didn't see it on 603. Is it missing from my book, or don't you have them?

SENATOR MARVEL: We gave you a summary of the contents of the bill. I guess your point is well taken, Senator Barnett, except on each one of the items if this is what you're talking ... The difficulty with the budget bill ... so I assume I will get some reaction to this. The budget bills are put together in a little different fashion than most other bills. They're the result of a series of hearings. On each one of the hearings, on each one of the motions, you have a separate vote. If you ask me the question as to who voted for or against each of the individual items, it's in the secretary's office. I could get them. If you're asking about a vote to advance the bill, then what happens is that if you check the bill, in this case 603, find who signs it then you'll find whose for it. If somebody's name is off of that they probably weren't in favor of it. Almost every bill that was voted out, after all the fights we had, most of them were voted out unanimously.

SENATOR BARNETT: You guessed what the question was going to be because I can't find out from 603 what the vote from the committee was to advance the bill. I don't know if Senator Bereuter was in favor of the bill. That was my next question.

SENATOR MARVEL: If you have ... do you have a copy of the bill right handy?

SENATOR BARNETT: Yes.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Warner says there are nine signatures. That means the bill was advanced to the floor ... on the front of the bill, Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: We introduce a bill from the Judiciary Committee all the time and it doesn't necessarily mean that we passed it out on the floor at the hearing.

SENATOR MARVEL: But those members of our committee who feel strongly about bills don't necessarily sign the bill when the motion is made after you gather all this information together. Do you have a copy of the statement that was issued there indicating how many departments are involved in 603? I don't happen to have it right here. Our committee members are independent enough that if they're not in favor of what's in that bill they don't sign it.

SENATOR BARNETT: That's good.